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PREPARATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON
ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE BASIS OF
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 44/228 AND TAKING INTO
ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS:

CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES

Summary progress report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on
decisions taken by the Preparatory Committee at its first session

Decisions adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its first session

<u>Decision number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
1/1	Role of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	refer to A/Conf.151/PC/14
1/2	Regional preparation for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	refer to A/Conf.151/PC/14
1/3	Operations of the voluntary fund for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	refer to A/Conf.151/PC/14
1/4	Dates of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	refer to GA res. 45/211

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| 1/5 | Representation at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development | refer to
GA res. 45/211 |
| 1/6 | Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the activities of the Conference secretariat | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/14 |
| 1/7 | Dates of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development | Report of the
Preparatory
Committee first
session (A/45/46) |
| 1/8 | Transfer of technology | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/17 |
| 1/9 | Financial resources | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/18 |
| 1/10 | Overview of the activities of the United Nations system relevant to General Assembly resolution 44/228 | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/14 |
| 1/11 | Climate change | |
| | 1/11 (a) and (b) - Synthesis Report | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/22 |
| | 1/11.2 (c) - Costing Exercise | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/23 |
| 1/12 | Ozone depletion | |

The UNCED Secretariat has developed a working relationship with the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the purpose of preparing an analytical report for the third session of the UNCED Preparatory Committee, on what additional steps need to be taken in this area, over and above the Montreal Protocol of the Vienna Convention, and another report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the provisions relating to financial cooperation and transfer of technology to developing countries. These reports will be prepared, and made available to the Preparatory Committee at its next session, in Geneva, in August 1991.

1/13 Transboundary air pollution

The UNCED Secretariat has requested information from all Regional Economic Commission about their needs and activities related to the issues of transboundary air pollution. This information, once received, along with other information that the Secretariat has assembled, will be used to prepare a report to the third session of the Preparatory Committee on the subject, stressing that international co-operation as needed to enable developing countries to effectively monitor and assess transboundary air pollution, including the discussion of issues of technology transfer, training and additional financial resources.

1/14 Combating deforestation

refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/27

1/15 I. Soil loss and desertification and drought

1/15. I.(b),(c) - on preparations for and outcome of FAO/Netherlands Conference on Sustainable Agriculture

refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/26

1/15. I.(d) - on integrated management of land resources

refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/24

1/15. I.(a),(e) - on alternative production systems for marginal lands

refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/25

II. Desertification and drought

UNEP is in the process of preparing reports requested by GA resolutions 41/172 A and B. At the same time the Secretariat has initiated consultations with relevant organizations, and has commissioned studies that will review the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification and the measures that might be required in combating drought, desertification and land degradation. A report will be presented to the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

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| 1/16 | Conservation of biological diversity | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/28 |
| 1/17 | Environmentally sound management of biotechnology | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/29 |
| 1/18 | Environmental and development education | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/21 |
| 1/19 | Provisional agenda for the second session of Working Group I | Report of the Preparatory Committee first session (A/45/46) |
| 1/20 | Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/30
and to
A/Conf.151/PC/31
(on the London Dumping Convention) |
| 1/21 | Protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/32

and to
A/Conf.151/PC/33
(on sustainable use of water resources in agriculture) |
| 1/22 | I. Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes. | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/34 |
| | 1/22.II - Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/35 |
| | 1/22.III - Prevention of illegal traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes | The Secretariat requested UNEP, which is updating a report on the implementation of GA res.44/226, and the Regional Economic Commissions, concerning the monitoring and control at the regional and international levels, of the international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes. UNEP is awaiting replies from governments to update its report. |
| 1/23 | Provisional agenda for the second session of Working Group II | Report of the Preparatory Committee first session (A/45/46) |

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| 1/24 | Guidelines for national reports | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/14 |
| 1/25 | Environment and development | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/16
and to
A/Conf.151/PC/15
(on links between
poverty and
environmental
degradation) |
| 1/26 | Working group on legal, institutional
and all related matters | action being
taken |
| 1/27 | New and renewable sources of energy | action being
taken |
| 1/28 | Cross-sectoral issues | |
| | 1/28 (a) on Human Settlements | The Commission on Human
Settlements has been
requested to pay special
attention to the agenda and
the mandate of UNCED
focusing on the living and
working environment of the
poor in urban slums and
rural areas, in order to
make a substantive
contribution to the
preparatory process of
UNCED. The 13th session of
the Commission is scheduled
to take place from 29 April
to 8 May 1991 to discuss
inter alia "the critical
role and contribution of
human settlements and
urbanization to
environmentally sound and
sustainable development and
the impact of human
settlements and
urbanization upon the
environment should be among
the issues to be considered
and addressed within the
context of the UNCED." The
Secretariat will present
a report on this subject
to the PrepCom at its third
session. |
| | 1/28 (b) on health dimension of
environmental problems | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/19 |
| | 1/28 (c) and (d) - on relationship
between environment and development | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/16 |
| | 1/28 (e) - on environmental education | refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/21 |

- 1/29 Co-operation on transfer of
technology and financial resources
to developing countries
- 1/30 Provisional agenda for the second
session of the Preparatory Committee

refer to
A/Conf.151/PC/17
and
A/Conf.151/PC/18

Report of First
session of PC
(A/45/46)
